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THE
GOLD FIELDS
of the
INLAND EMPIRE



EASTERN
INVESTORS
IN
OREGON MINES
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AND READ IT

TO START WORK ON BLACK BUTTE AT ONCE

Hoist Will Be Installed On Property in The Early Spring And Sinking Begun.

O. C. Wright, manager of the Blue Bird, and also of the Black Butte, went out yesterday from John Day to the latter property for immediate operations. The Black Butte, it will be remembered was taken over some time ago by Wheeler & Company, of New York, which firm is financing the proposition. A reorganization of the company has been effected, and development work on an extensive scale will be carried on.

The management contemplates the erection of a hoist in the early spring. The plan for present work is to raise to the surface from the tunnel level, a distance of some eighty feet, and with the installation of the sinking plant in the spring the shaft will be

continued in the rich ore. In fact, Mr. Wright states that hoisting machinery would be of little advantage at this time. The present tunnel is in 140 feet to the vein. It was at the point of intersection here, that some exceeding rich ore was recently taken out. A chunk of ore about the size of an ordinary water pail yielded \$700 in gold. Besides this vein, which is first to be explored, there are several others paralleling it, of equal richness.

Mr. Wright returned last night and was also at the Blue Bird during his absence. He states that everything is now enclosed there and in practical readiness to start installing the machinery for the 100 ton concentrator.

WILL BRANCH OUT NEXT YEAR

W. E. Hurd, of Portland, general manager of the United Exploration company, operating various properties in the Red Boy and Greenhorn districts, arrived this morning, and left at once to look after development work. It has been some weeks since Mr. Hurd has been at his properties, but in the meantime he has received, he says, most favorable reports.

The company of which Mr. Hurd is general manager is developing the Red Boy extension, the Potosi group, Smuggler and other neighboring claims. Reports state that all of them are making satisfactory showings.

The concern is represented by Boston and Ohio people and Mr. Hurd will make a trip east about January 1 to round up the year's business, and it is the purpose of the company to inaugurate an extensive line of development work for the coming season.

HOW NEGROES ARE MADE TO WORK IN GOLD MINES

D. C. Johnson, formerly connected with the smelter trust, now with the Northport independent smelter, one of the best known and

most successful ore buyers on the continent, is in town yesterday, between trains.

He does other things besides buying ore; one of which is to collect information regarding mining operations in all its phases. It is thought that this trip is for the latter purpose; but, of course, no one will ever find out from him what he is driving at. Incidentally, Mr. Johnson always has a good story on tap for appreciative auditors, some sketch from real life, and this is his latest.

He is interested in a gold mine down in Georgia, where only negroes are employed in underground work. He says the best results are obtained from them while they sing, and they are encouraged to do so. While drilling they swing their hammers to the cadence of their songs, and if a drill point breaks at the first stroke, or any other accident happens, they will pound away to the end of the verse.

According to his statement, his company has working for it a cracker jack vocalist who leads the singing; who, on the quiet, is paid two bits a day extra to sing in fast time, that the hammer strokes may fall quicker and more work be accomplished. He says it is a wonderfully paying investment, this twenty-five cents a day extra wages for the coon with the gift of song.

Greenhorn Deal Pending.

Andy Larson, one of the owners

of the Salmon group, in the Greenhorn, was in the city today relative to a deal which is pending for the purchase of a Greenhorn property in which he is interested.

NEARING THE VEIN AT THE RED CHIEF

W. N. Gardner, one of the owners of the Red Chief, in the Cable Cove, and manager for the company operating the property, came in this morning on his way to his home on North Powder, where he will spend the holidays. Work has been suspended until after the first of the year, and Mr. Gardner's force of men came in with him.

Operations were prosecuted steadily at the Red Chief, and Mr. Gardner thinks the vein will be reached within the next fifteen or twenty feet. The crosscut is now in over 300 feet.

PROGRESS AT THE BLUE BIRD MILL

E. J. Thorp, superintendent of the Blue Bird, came in today from the mine and went to Baker City to visit his father, E. A. Thorp. Regarding the construction of the Blue Bird mill, Mr. Thorp says:

"The mill is enclosed, the buildings are being roofed, the boilers are set, and when I left today the force was engaged in putting up the smokestacks. The entire plant will be under cover within the next few days. All the machinery is now on the ground, and the work is being pushed to early completion as speedily as possible."

DEAL PENDING FOR CABLE COVE PROPERTY

John Arthur, of the McEwen Arthur & McEwen Testing and Sampling works, returned last night from the Cable Cove district, where he made an examination of a mining property for eastern people.

It is understood that there is a deal pending for the property in question, which is likely to be closed within the next few days, but Mr. Arthur declined to make any statements for publication.

HOMESTAKE HAS PAID \$546,300 THIS YEAR

The authorized capitalization of the Homestake is \$21,840,000. The number of shares issued is 218,400, having a par value \$100 per share. The company has paid during the present year \$546,300 in dividends, including the dividend of October. In other words, ten dividends of twenty-five cents per share have been paid since January 1, 1903. The total paid by the company in dividends to this date is \$12,258,150. For several years this company was paying a regular dividend of twenty-five cents a share per month and a special dividend of twenty-five cents, making fifty cents a share per month.

A. B. FRAME BEGINS SUIT AGAINST POWER COMPANY

A. B. Frame has extended his legal fight against the Oregon Electric Power company into Baker county.

Through his attorney, T. H. Crawford, he filed a complaint in the Circuit court this morning against the company, making all of the persons interested directly or indirectly in the property parties to the suit.

In a lengthy complaint he sets out contracts and sales and allegations, numerous and voluminous, charging everybody and everything with failing to perform its or their duty and obligation and utters a sweeping prayer asking the Court to decree everything in sight.

He claims that by sundry and divers lapses of duty and performance all other persons have forfeited all rights in the company and the property and that he is the whole cheese, the owner in fee simple, fee tale and fee in male. He asks the court to give him the property without any strings on it, and to declare all of the others off the earth so far as rights in the franchises and equipments of the Oregon Electric Power company is concerned.

It is claimed that Frame is leaving no stone unturned in his attempt to wreck the company. —Herald.

IRRIGATION FUND NOT FOR OREGON JUST YET.

In a review of the reclamation surveys in the west, before the joint meeting of the congressional irrigation committees, last Saturday evening, Frederick H. Newell, chief hydrographer, gave out the first official information on the status of the government irrigation work in the different states, in which plans for government irrigation are under consideration.

Mr. Newell stated that the work that has been done in Oregon is far from complete. The information gathered last summer gives no definite idea of the possibilities of the several projects examined, and further surveys will be necessary before it will be possible to determine definitely what one of the several projects is best.

The preliminary examinations lead him to believe that the Umatilla project is superior to either the Silves river or the Deschutes, so far as it has been explored, but he is not yet satisfied that the Umatilla project should be taken up by the government. More data are needed and will be gathered next summer.

Until further details are available and more thorough surveys have been completed, the department will not feel justified in authorizing the construction of any project in eastern Oregon.

In the course of his general remarks Mr. Newell brought out the fact that the great bulk of the reclamation fund is to be used at the outset in states and territories that are most in need of irrigation. The very states that have contributed the least to the reclamation fund will get the greater share of the money paid out at first.